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## WATOAGA

They are writing in and asking about the derivation and definition of the name Watoga. The euphonic name of our State Park. Well it is Indian, and I would say Cherokee Indian, though we are a bit north of the main branch of influence of this once mighty nation. Shawnee and Iroquois were main contenders and scourges when the break across the mountains to the western waters was made by the whites.

I have heard tell that Watoga was the Indian name of Greenbrier River; the French explorers called it Roncoverte. In the 1740's the name begins to appear in the Virginia records as Greenbrier. In the 1650's Harbison and Fallam in their exploration of Woods River—the New—may have passed the mouth of Greenbrier on their way to the Falls of Kanawha, where they recorded the rise and fall of the tide and distinctly saw the white sails of ships on the Pacific ocean. If they saw the Greenbrier and named the river, I never heard tell of it. The name Greenbrier comes from the running, thorny vine which still thrives in these parts.

A scholar once told me the meaning of the word Watoga is starry waters—that is, waters in which the stars are reflected. The clear placid pools of the Greenbrier do that thing to perfection, too, regardless of whether the word means that or not.

The northern boundary of Watoga State Park is Chickenshoe Ridge. Authorities differ as to whence comes the name. There certainly was an early settler from New England by the name of Chickener, and his bones are buried on Chickenshoe Run.

There is tradition that in the sporting days of a century and more ago, when cock fighting was popular among the hot bloods, a cock pit was maintained on Chickenshoe, as a half way meeting place for the dead game sports from Huntersville and the sporting gentry of the Little Levels.

Another is that an old timer, to attract wolves, foxes and wild cats to his traps, penned a loud crowing rooster on this ridge.

Another is that the name Chickenshoe was given because the thick pine forest was the gathering place for miles around for wild turkeys, wild pigeons and crows to roost of nights.

Pyles Mountain is the backbone of the park area. Some time previous

to the American Revolution two brothers by the name of Pyles came from New England, and took up the mountain by tomahawk survey; the Crown was not making land grants west of the mountains. Straight English in name, there was tradition in the family that they had come originally from Holland. And so they had—with the rest of the Pilgrim fathers, mothers and children sought refuge in Holland from persecution as Puritans in Old England. Thence to America.

The Pyles land embraced much of the area, which is now Watoga State Park. Why they took up the mountain in preference to richer, flatter grasslands to be had for the taking has been wondered at. If I read the sign right, those men knew about what we are now pleased to term air drainage; and if they were to raise grain in this frosty land, they must go high on a mountain for a frostless belt. For a generation or two the seed corn for this whole region came from the Pyles plantation. I have thought too, the great white pine forests of the mountain reminded them of their home country, New England, then so far away.

The geologist will tell you that Pyles Mountain is one of a series of even crested short ranges separated by gaps which streams have cut in the Greenbrier. The crests of these ridges rise rather uniformly with an elevation of approximately 3400 feet. They are in most cases capped by the Berea conglomerate, sloping gently to the west.

Watoga State Park is in the middle of what the Indians called the Endless Mountains. It is the beginning of the Folded Mountains, though the slope of the rock layers of this mountain are gentle.

Much of the Burr Valley—Laurel Creek drainage of perhaps fifteen square miles—is embraced in the Park area. The name is for General Frederick Burr, one of Napoleon's soldiers, who came to America and Pocahontas County, when his Emperor was sent to St. Helena.

Laurel Run is about eight miles long; drains a territory of over twelve square miles, and has an average fall of 150 feet to the mile.

In Burr valley occurred one of the last attacks upon a man by wolves in the 1880's a pack of wolves chased a deer by Henry Pyles. He reported the occurrence thus: "In mountain—three wolves run—Henry climb tree." All the drainage of Island Lick

## COMMUNITY TREE

The Community Christmas Tree will be on Main Street Christmas Eve. Watch next week's paper for particulars.

The Young Peoples Community Club will be glad for all donations made. We are planning a nice tree and hope to get more help. We wish to thank all who are helping now. If you have anything for the tree or money please give it to Mrs. Moody Kincaid.

Run is in the Park—some five square miles. It is nearly five miles long, with 155 feet to the mile.

The name is from the salt lick on the strand of Greenbrier River, near Camp Seibert. I never had this deer lick pointed out to me; it was out of my hunting territory anyway.

So far as I know, the particular part of Pocahontas county in which Watoga State Park lies never suffered Indian raid and massacre. The reason may be that it was east of the dead line marked by the Warrior's Road, War Path or Seneca Trail. This road, now followed in a general way by the Seneca Trail—State Route 24—protected the border of the Indian Domain, under treaty with the Crown as of 1722. West of this road, for thirty years the settlers were raided time and again. Of course I know of the war made on the settlements of the James River country beyond the Alleghenies, so the guess and a round what is now Watoga State Park were not bothered because they were east of the War Path.

This Warrior's Road stretched a thousand miles—from Seneca Lake in New York to Northern George. Garrisons were maintained at forts along the way. J. Fenimore Cooper writes of it in his Leather Stocking Tales. The term war path comes from it.

On the Beaver Creek side, soldiers went to the Revolutionary war. In September 1764, William Sharp volunteered under Capt. Charles Lewis in an expedition against the Indians on the Muskingum in Ohio. There was no engagement; the Indians gave up their captives; Sharp got home in March. He also served seven years in the Revolution from the Point Pleasant campaign of the summer of 1774, to his discharge in April 1781.

The regular monthly community song service at Marvin Chapel on Sunday afternoon, December 16, at 2:30 p. m.

## Red And Gun Club

At a well attended meeting of the Pocahontas County Red and Gun Club held at Baxter's Garage Monday night, the following officers were elected for the next year:

President, F. B. Hill; vice president, Dr. G. E. Hull; secretary-treasurer, Dr. F. C. Allen; directors, Dr. C. S. Kramer, Charles Richardson and A. O. Baxter.

The varmint killing contest is set to start January 1st. to run to April 1st. The list of prizes and schedule of points will be published later.

It was decided that the annual shooting match of the club will be held at the Pocahontas County Fair Grounds on Friday, December 28.

## GIVE!

Stamps at Penny Each Are No Strain on Budget. From New York Herald Tribune

Stamps at a penny apiece make a tax on the individual budget that is hardly felt. When every mail brings appeals for substantial amounts to carry on necessary philanthropies, the purchase of the little decorative stamps that brighten up one's Christmas packages may be made without prolonged consideration. The fight against the great scourges of humanity goes on the year 'round; but it must be financed by the sale of Christmas seals during this month. Who ever bears this in mind and buys them, in any amount, can feel that he is helping in a great preventive battle that never stops.

They carry this year a picture of the little cottage in the Adirondacks built fifty years ago by Dr. Edward Livingston Trudeau, whose knowledge and unflinching courage enabled him to bring back health to so many. It was the first tuberculosis sanatorium in the country and in it were developed the methods that still prevail in the successful treatment of the disease. There could be no more appropriate symbol of the helpful work to which all who buy the Christmas seals contribute.

## Hosterman News

Mrs. Glen Tracy and two children, of Boyer, spent last weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Moore.

We were sorry to hear of Sherman Darnell, a former resident of this vicinity, having the accident of falling and crippling himself at his home in Durbin.

Little Fay Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Collins had the honor of receiving a gold medal, as a winner in the Sears Roebuck Baby Contest.

Mrs. Earl Wilfong and children, of Bartow, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Collins.

The Hosterman Four H Club, under the supervision of Miss Virginia Lambert gave a very enjoyable social Saturday night. Games were played and refreshments served. Those present were: Keith, Albert, Meade and Glenn Burr; Elva, Olive, Woodside, Edna, and John Rathiff; Neal White; Roy, Hovenor and Mary Davidson; Emma, Pete, Joe and Bill Curry; Harlow Tallman, Hal Slavins, Burr Wardell, Paul Houchin, Ercel, Arlie Lawrence Varner, Mabel and Woodrow McLaughlin; W. C., Marguerite, Carl and Mabel Bostie; Grace and Goldie Hevener, Nellie Kendall, Margie McCloud, Harold, Edna, Burlie, Paul, Dale and Nora Collins and Virginia Lambert.

Charleston—At a meeting held in the office of the Bureau of Negro Welfare on December 4, problems were discussed that confront the general welfare of the Negroes by both races.

In connection with the Bureau an Inter-racial Advisory Board was formed. The purpose of the Board is to interest the public in Negro welfare, to contact and confer with the department on matters of major importance and to assist and advise in the promotion of a state-wide welfare program for Negroes in West Virginia.

A committee was appointed composed of persons from both races to outline recommendations for legislation and a general welfare program in West Virginia. This committee will meet within the next few days to report on its findings.

Woodrow School Report—Third month. Perfect attendance: Azalea Galford; Garland Galford, Mabel Galford, Stafford McCure, Janita McCure, Ruby Sharp, Opal Barlow, Viola VanReenan, Austin Barlow, Harold Friel, Ira Friel, Dempsy George, Harmon George, and Albert Sharp. Faithful attendance: Milburn Galford, Denver Sharp, Norman Dilley, Walter VanReenan, Pearl Barlow, Ruth Burgess, Olive Friel, Cora VanReenan, and Mabel Woods.—Olive Marshall and Pearl Snyder teachers.

## For Sale

132 acre farm. Nice 4 room dwelling. Large barn and complete set of good out buildings. Plenty of fruit for family use; fine spring water. Close to school and church. In sight of hard road. There is a Federal farm loan of \$2400. Price \$3500. \$500 cash. The owner is old and has high blood pressure which is his only reason for selling. This is a bargain.

T. J. Linton, Real Estate Broker, Burke, Va.

## FARMER BANKER MEETING

The regional farmer-banker conference, sponsored by the Agricultural Committee of the State Bankers' Association, and the annual Pocahontas County Corn and Potato Show, started by the 11 at National Bank, the Bank of Marlinton and the Farmers and Merchants Bank, is going strong today, Wednesday. And that too in spite of the s-v-r cold and big blizzards and icy roads. The meetings are being held in the High School building—the speaking program in the auditorium, presided over by Dr. H. F. Barron, chairman of the Farm Committee of the State Bankers' Association; the exhibits of potatoes and grains are displayed in the gymnasium.

Wednesday morning the speakers were J. A. Sydenstricker, president of the State Bankers' Association; Mr. Hoover, in charge of the Federal Erosion project on the Little Kanawha; Blaine McLaughlin, State Commissioner of Agriculture; Dr. Dan Otis; Director of the Agricultural Commission of the American Bankers' Association. The attendance is good, but nothing like the number who would have come from the dozen counties in this section had not winter shut down so severely. Experts from the Extension Department in attendance are Dr. Westbrook, Dr. Friant and Dr. Joe Crane. The Grain and Grain Show is by far the biggest and the best of all ever held here. The exhibits are more numerous in every class and the quality higher.

## Arnold to Have Charge of State History Work

Eugene H. Arnold of Ekins, former member of the house of delegates became state director of historic scenes and markers when the commission met yesterday in the office of Ernest L. Bailey, state road commissioner.

Arnold will have an office in the capitol and will supervise the work of ten district supervisors, still to be named. There also will be a research man and a stenographer for each county.

After the necessary data is gathered, work will be started on the marking and beautifying of historical spots by persons taken from relief rolls—Charleston Gazette.

## HINK AND DINK

On Saturday, December 15, Hink and Dink those intimate friends and deans of radio's blackface comics will appear in person at the Seneca Theatre. During the afternoon and evening these lovable characters will be on hand to refresh their audience with their sparkling wit and droll comedy.

The Cotton Queen Showboat starring Hink and Dink is one of the oldest productions in radio. Originally billed as the Burnt Corkers it has been on the air over WLW each week for the past eight years, a truly phenomenal record. But in spite of its longevity, each week finds Hink and Dink and "The Cotton Queen" broad casting to an ever increasing audience.

Hink and Dink reside at Oxford, Ohio, and drive from Oxford to Cincinnati, for their regular broadcasts.

## SENECA THEATRE

Marlinton, W. Va. PROGRAM

### Wed-Thur-Dec. 12-13

Bargain Day Again: 5 and 10 cents. "The World Moves On" Admission 5 and 10 cents.

### Friday—December 14th

JOHN WAYNE In "West Of The Divide" Added—Thelma Todd Comedy. Admission 10 and 25 cents.

### Saturday—December 15th

WHAT A SHOW! ON THE STAGE! Direct From Radio Station W. L. W. Cincinnati, Ohio.

### "HINK and DINK"

THE FEATURED BLACKFACE COMICS OF "The Cotton Queen Showboat. "HINK and DINK" have been on the air from Radio Station W. L. W. for the past eight years. Tune in on W. L. W. Friday at 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.

—ON THE SCREEN— JOHN WAYNE

In "West Of The Divide"

Special matinee on Saturday at 3 o'clock. Admission matinee 10 and 20 cents. Night—2 complete stage performances 8:15 and 9:30. Admission at night 15 and 35c.

### Mon-Tues-Dec. 17-18

The World Has Waited! The World will be Thrilled! Norma Shearer—Robert Montgomery In

### "RIPTIDE"

"WHEN A WOMAN LOVES" Admission 10 and 25 cents

## TOYS AND DOLL BABIES

To pep up the Old Christmas Spirit drop in and see our toys, doll babies and our full line of ideal Christmas Gifts such as PHILCO, RADIOS, MAYTAG WASHING MACHINES, HOT POINT ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, PYREX WARE and other items far too numerous to mention. Our prices are right.

We have a complete line of Xmas Tree Lights, Colored Electric Bulbs, Etc.

Yours for a Merry Xmas.

## C. J. RICHARDSON

Marlinton, W. Va.

## CHRISTMAS SEALS

The 1934 Christmas Seals bearing the double-barred cross and a picture of the first sanatorium in the U. S. are the only means of purchasing an organized anti-tuberculosis program for Pocahontas county under the direction of the West Virginia Tuberculosis and Health Association and the county committee of which Mrs. Kermit Arbogast is the chairman.

The field clinic service operated by the association, through its public health nurses and physicians trained in methods of finding tuberculosis is available to this county, if the people who have received the seals by mail respond to the appeal to buy or sell them.

The Christmas Seals have been mailed direct to a carefully selected list of responsible citizens by the county committee which sponsors the Seal Sale and shares the responsibility of conducting a suitable county program.

The letter accompanying the Seals makes a plea for finding tuberculosis infection in children by means of a special test and x ray examination. It is claimed that the clinic service and guidance will prevent many children from developing the adult type of tuberculosis disease in early maturity.

The Christmas Seal Sale is a nation wide annual method of raising funds for anti-tuberculosis work. It is endorsed by the President, by state officials and the leading national and state organizations. Such has been accomplished during the past four years in West Virginia by the good will of the public in buying the seals. They are only One Cent each. If every family bought at least ten seals, approximately \$350. would be available for work that is much needed in this county.

## The Handwriting On The Wall

"Mene, mene, tekel, upharsin." The Hand is writing on the wall, The Devil's agents bold and brazen, Are strutting now, but soon shall fall.

The golden and the silver vessels, Made for the temple of the Lord, Are now misused by Satan's agents, Who drink and reel beneath the sword.

It is the time of retribution Which love and mercy has delayed The prophets and the saints have suffered— Have been both killed and made afraid.

The devil is cast out of heaven, And he knows now his time is short, And he has made his dupes all drunken, Behold them stagger and exhort.

Harper Anderson.

John Waugh killed three pigs on Monday that netted him 809 pounds of fine meat. These pigs were eight and a half months old. He raised them on Utko Life Guard hog feed, and he estimated that his bought feed cost him \$48, or something less than six cents a pound for feed.

Mrs. Paul Golden is laid up with a broken arm, received in a fall down steps last Friday.

The steel industry's pay roll for October was \$3,584,017 higher than in September, a gain of more than 12 percent, according to American Iron and Steel Institute.

Mrs. S. J. Rexrode suffered injuries Monday when the car in which she and Mr. Rexrode were driving slipped off the icy road at the Huntersville bridge.

## Better Business

Confident that improved business conditions will be reflected by greatly increased Christmas buying and shipping this year, local Railway express agencies are preparing for an extremely busy holiday season.

Never before have the American public had a wider variety of practical and colorful gifts of all kinds to select from than is now available in local stores and shops, in C. K. Liveway's opinion.

"As American manufacturers are now producing most of the toys for American youth, parents will have many new things with which to surprise and thrill their children," the express agent points out, "and the vast holiday sales in prospect will do much to speed up business recovery."

A great many families are planning to send gifts to relatives and friends in other parts of the country and may thus encounter their principal shipping "problem" of the year. It is easily solved, however, by care in preparation for forwarding.

Express Agent, C. K. Liveway recommends the liberal use of good wrapping paper and twine. If the contents are fragile, that should be indicated on the outside. "Fragile" or "Glass" labels can be obtained at the local express office, while special holiday address labels will also be supplied on request.

Nothing is more important to insure the prompt and careful handling of a shipment than complete and legible addressing. If the writing can hardly be read, is incorrect or lacks street location, delays are often unavoidable.

The writing of the state name should be so clear that there can be no misunderstanding of the abbreviation used. As there are dozens of cities and towns of the same name in almost every state, understandable addressing will prevent packages from going astray at a time when quick transportation and delivery are vital in getting them to destination on or before Christmas Day.

Winter came down with a looseness in these mountain parts and the whole of West Virginia, Monday. Snow fell in Pocahontas county from three to six inches, depending on elevation. On Tuesday, the thermometer at Marlinton never got higher than fifteen degrees above zero, and the wind came out to blow a blizzard. Tuesday night was the first zero cold of the winter. This is what I call good robust winter. From all over the State come reports of few casualties and innumerable near casualties from automobiles slipping off icy pavements.

Washington—Bank failures in the United States have dwindled to the lowest level in 14 years, with only 57 institutions, having combined deposits of less than \$40,000,000, closing so far this year. Federal Reserve Board figures showed. These figures compared with a record of 2,430 failures in the year ended June 30, 1932, which tied up a total of \$1,761,002,000. Closings were the smallest since 1920 when 47 failures tied up \$20,725,000.

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## CHRISTMAS GOODS

Gifts for the entire Family

Toys for the Kiddies

Dolls, Wagons, Velocipedes, Sleds, Rockers, Air Rifles, Cap Pistols and Caps.

Christmas Gaudies

Mixed and other Candies 12 1-2 to 30c  
Brazil Nuts and English Walnuts 20 to 22c

Make Your Selection Early

## PEOPLES STORE & SUPPLY CO.

Lura M. Brill, Prop.

Marlinton, West Virginia

## NOW

That you have saved all year, use your Xmas savings check to the best advantage.

## "LADIES AND GENTLEMEN"

Don't be a last minute shopper, avoid the last minute rush, take advantage of the complete selections and begin your Xmas shopping now!

May we suggest? You start at SHANKLIN'S Men and Boys Store next door to The Farmers & Merchants Bank, Main St.

## GIVE A MAN

Gifts He Would Choose Himself.

Arrow Shirts	.....	\$1.95	Garter and Suspender Set	.....	\$1.00
Fairfield Shirts	.....	1.50	Neckties	.....	49c to 1.00
Hdkf, Tie and Comb Set	.....	75c	Scarfs	.....	50c, 1.25 and 1.50
Box Handkerchiefs	.....	25c and up	Socks, silk and wool	.....	39c
Bath Robes, fancy and plain	.....	5.95 and 6.95	Williams Shaving Sets	.....	95c
Raincoats	.....	4.95	Kid Gloves	.....	1.50
Zipper Jackets	.....	3.95 to 5.50	Suede Gloves	.....	95c
Flannel Pajamas	.....	2.00	Sport Sweaters	.....	2.45

## HATS and CAPS

## For The Boys

Dress Pants	.....	\$1.00 to 1.25	Tie and Handkerchief Set	.....	29c
Shirts	.....	59c to 79c	Tie and Penic Set	.....	29c
Socks	.....	15c	Tie and Clasp Set	.....	29c
Sweaters	.....	95c and up	Watches	.....	1.25
Box Handkerchiefs	.....	25c	Riding Pants	.....	1.95

We also carry a complete line of Men's and Boys' Work Clothing—high and low cut Shoes, high tops on special sale. Priced at \$3.95, \$4.95 and \$5.95 including 1 pair all wool socks.

4 Bkl Arctics, cloth top and all rubber  
Rubber Overshoes, plain 1.25, heavy 1.35

## MEN'S ALL WOOL SUITS—DRESS PANTS—RIDING BREECHES

Men's Lined Fall Jackets 2.95,	Boys	.....	2.49
Men's Heavy Fleece Union Suits	.....	.....	1.35
Men's Heavy Cotton, 16lb Union Suits	.....	.....	1.25
Men's Medium Cotton, 12lb	.....	.....	.95

Store open till 9 o'clock nights.

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Come In and See Us.

## SHANKLIN'S, Marlinton, W. Va.

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